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In the Claims:

Please substitute the currently amended Claims as set forth below in a complete listing of the pending claims. Struckthrough language indicates a deletion, and underlined language indicates an addition. The amendments include no new matter and are fully supported in the application as filed.

1.(currently amended) A ~~two-piece elongate continuous soffit panel having an adjustable width, said soffit panel comprising~~ consisting of:

 a first member having a soffit portion including a proximal periphery and a generally parallel and spaced apart distal periphery extending along a lengthwise dimension of said soffit panel, and having a fascia portion coextensive with the soffit portion along the distal periphery and extending generally upwardly therefrom ~~for fastening said soffit panel to roof fascia of a building;~~ and

 a second member connected to said first member and having a flange portion extending generally at an angle from the soffit portion of said first member for fastening the soffit panel to a side of a building, said second member being adjustably connected to said first member so that the width of the soffit panel is adjustable responsive to variations in distance between the side of the building and the roof fascia.

2.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein said second member includes a channel for therein engaging the proximal periphery of the soffit portion thereby adjustably connecting the first member to the second member so that the width of the soffit panel is adjustably responsive to variations in distance between the side of the building and the roof fascia.

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3.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the soffit portion includes at least one opening for ventilation.

4.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the soffit portion further comprises a drip lip to help prevent water from running along the soffit portion toward the side of the building.

5.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein said soffit panel further comprises sheet metal.

6.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the soffit panel comprises aluminum sheet metal.

7.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the fascia portion is dimensioned to serve as the roof fascia.

8.(original) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the flange portion extends generally upwardly from the soffit portion.

9.(previously presented) The soffit panel of Claim 1, wherein the lengthwise dimension is sufficient to provide a continuous soffit panel for one wall of a building.

10.(currently amended) ~~A two-piece continuous soffit panel having an adjustable width, comprising~~ consisting of:

a first member having a soffit portion, and a fascia portion; and

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a second member having a channel wherein a periphery of said first member is adjustably engaged to thereby connect the first member to the second member so that the width of the soffit panel is thereby adjustably responsive to variations in distance between the side of the building and the roof fascia.

11.(currently amended) A building ~~constructed~~ having a roof eave including two-piece elongate continuous soffit panel, said soffit panel ~~comprising~~ consisting of:

a first member having a soffit portion including a proximal periphery and a generally parallel and spaced apart distal periphery extending along a lengthwise dimension of said soffit panel, and having a fascia portion coextensive with the soffit portion along the distal periphery and extending generally upwardly therefrom for fastening said soffit panel to roof fascia of a building; and

a second member connected to said first member and having a flange portion extending generally at an angle from the soffit portion of said first member for fastening the soffit panel to a side of a building, said second member being adjustably connected to said first member so that the width of the soffit panel is adjustable responsive to variations in distance between the side of the building and the roof fascia.

12.(original) The building of Claim 11 , wherein said second member includes a channel for therein engaging the proximal periphery of the soffit portion thereby adjustably connecting the first member to the second member so that the width of the soffit panel is adjustably responsive to variations in distance between the side of the building and the roof fascia.

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13.(original) The building of Claim 11 , wherein the soffit portion includes at least one opening for ventilation.

14.(original) The building of Claim 11 , wherein the soffit portion further comprises a drip lip to help prevent water from running along the soffit portion toward the side of the building.

15.(original) The building of Claim 11 , wherein said soffit panel comprises sheet metal.

16.(original) The building of Claim 11 , wherein said soffit panel comprises aluminum sheet metal.

17.(original) The building of Claim 11 , wherein the fascia portion is dimensioned to serve as the roof fascia.

18.(original) The building of Claim 11 , wherein the flange portion extends generally upwardly from the soffit portion.

19.(previously presented) The building of Claim 11 , wherein the lengthwise dimension is sufficient to provide a continuous soffit panel for one wall of a building.

20-41.(canceled)